

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

THE 1471st REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON MAY 6, 2008 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

WAYNE RIDDLE	MAYOR
CHARLES GARRISON	COUNCILMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
CHRIS RICHEY	COUNCILMAN
BLAKE BARNES	COUNCILMAN
BECKIE STOCKSTILL-COBB	COUNCILWOMAN
DEAN LAWOTHER	COUNCILMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

RONALD V. CRABTREE	CITY MANAGER
SANDRA WATKINS	CITY SECRETARY
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilman Richey.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.
4. PROCLAMATION - MUNICIPAL CLERK - Mayor Riddle presented Sandra Watkins with a proclamation declaring the week of May 4th through May 10th, 2008 as Municipal Clerks Week and acknowledged her exemplary performance as the Municipal Clerk for the City of Deer Park.
5. PRESENTATION - PROJECT STARS VIDEO - Mayor Riddle commented, "Last week we had the pleasure of meeting with the Alliance for their annual member meeting and there was a presentation made by Jan Lawler, President of the Association, and it was a progress report on Project Stars. Beckie and Thane were there. This was a very exciting progress report. We were honoring Shell who donated \$500,000.00. They are going to be having three of their tanks with this epic art on it. Vopak is going to have epic art on theirs the 28th of this month. Our community is taking up the call to beautify the entrance to the Heritage Trail in this area. We were so proud that Deer Park is going to have the next four murals, and Project Stars is showing the history of our area."

Mayor Riddle then called upon Special Projects Coordinator Cristina Gossett to present the Project Stars Video.

Mayor Riddle commented, "I thought their presentation was a short, precise presentation of Project Stars and how proud I think our city is, along with the other cities, of being able to participate in this project.. We have had numerous compliments on the fact that we have moved Patrick's Cabin over to the Courts lawn where people have access to it. One remark I heard was that out in West Texas there is a little bitty town where Judge Roy Bean's place is and they have thousand of people come to see where Judge Bean held his court. We are already hearing things about the fact that people come and look at the cabin and then go over to the monument. We are glad that this project is moving forward."

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Councilman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 15, 2008.
- b. Approval of a tax refund to Norma and Arnold Moses in the amount of \$1,394.55 due to an overpayment.
- c. Approval of a tax refund to H E Butt Grocery Co. in the amount of \$1,371.60 due to an overpayment.
- d. Approval of a tax refund to D L Peterson Trust Personal in the amount of \$513.88 due to an overpayment.
- e. Approval of a tax refund to Home Equity Servicing in the amount of \$797.31 due to an overpayment.
- f. Authorization to seek bids for street repairs for Dutch and Elm Streets.
- g. Authorization to seek bids for drainage improvements for Deer Park Gardens, Section 8B.
- h. Authorization to seek bids for lay down yards at new Parks & Recreation Operations Center and Traffic Shop.
- i. Authorization to seek bids for Interior Build out of the new Traffic Facility, Parks & Recreation Building and Fire Department Maintenance Building.
- j. Authorization to seek bids for the Court House Parking Lot and Helgra Street Expansion Project.
- k. Authorization to set aside the previously awarded bid for Fire Station #3 Above Ground Tank and re-advertise.
- l. Acceptance of X Street and Luella Street Drainage Improvement Project.
- m. Acceptance of completion of Fire Station #3 and Parking Lot Project.
- n. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report (Jan-Mar, 2008)

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ADOPTING THE CENTER STREET REVITALIZATION PLAN - Motion was made by Councilman Harrison to table action on the Center Street Revitalization Plan due to the fact that he was not in attendance at the last meeting and has questions. I just received my final proposed plan today, and I have not had a chance to review it, not that it has changed a lot, but I would like to review the plan first.

Councilman Garrison asked, "Do we not want to postpone or do we want to table?"

Councilman Harrison answered, "Table."

Councilman Barnes seconded the motion to table. Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN JACINTO COLLEGE TO PROVIDE ELECTION DAY POLLING PRECINCT FACILITY FOR MAY 10, 2008 ELECTION - Motion was made by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb and seconded by Councilman Barnes to enter into an agreement with San Jacinto College to provide an election day polling precinct facility for the May 10, 2008 election.

Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb asked, "Does that mean that the college will have the voting at the same place as our election so that people have a one stop shop?"

Mayor Riddle asked, "Someone was saying that the college, on election day, was going to be in the Library at San Jacinto College. Is that for all others than Deer Park?"

Sandra Watkins, City Secretary answered, "Deer Park citizens will vote at the Community Center and there will be other polling precinct locations for citizens from other cities within their jurisdictions."

Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb asked, "Is that by school district or city boundaries?"

Mrs. Watkins answered, "San Jacinto College District boundaries."

Mayor Riddle asked, "Will the citizens of Deer Park vote here?"

Mrs. Watkins answered, "Yes."

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH ARBORLEAF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING FOR THE SANITARY SEWER LINE FOR THE EAST BOULEVARD OUTFALL CHANNEL - Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb to enter into an agreement with Arborleaf Engineering & Surveying for the Sanitary Sewer Line for the East Boulevard Outfall Channel. Motion carried 7 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARTICIPATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH UNDERWOOD 23 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb and seconded by Councilman Harrison to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3199, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED PARTICIPATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS AND UNDERWOOD 23, LP TO EXTEND SAN AUGUSTINE STREET 893 LINEAR FEET AND A WATER LINE 1,125 LINEAR FEET AND TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO UNDERWOOD 23, LP FROM BENEFITING ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AS THE OWNERS UTILIZE THE EXTENDED STREET AND WATER LINE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH - Motion was made by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb and seconded by Councilman Harrison to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3200, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DR. DONALD R. METZ AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND AS CITY HEALTH OFFICER, AND RONALD V. CRABTREE AND NADER NADERI AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FROM JUNE 1, 2008 TO MAY 31, 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE SUBSTANDARD BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR PREMISE LOCATED AT 312 EAST FIRST STREET - Motion was made by Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb and seconded by Councilman Barnes to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3201, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 3, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. CONCERNING A CERTAIN DILAPIDATED OR SUBSTANDARD BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Barnes commented, "This may be my last meeting. I have enjoyed it, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people. Everyone get out and vote."

Councilwoman Stockstill-Cobb commented, "I would like to ask everyone to remember Cheryl Young and her family in your prayers and your thoughts."

Mayor Riddle commented, "Just a reminder, if you have not seen the notice for Chief Young's funeral it is at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, and burial will be at Grandview Cemetery. Also, Mr. Crabtree furnished you some information about some appointments that are coming up. I have given him two names for the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation. If you have any names for consideration send those to Mr. Crabtree. If you don't have any objections, we will place the re-appointments of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Parks Commission on our next agenda."

14. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Riddle adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sandra Watkins, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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Wayne Riddle  
Mayor